**Minutes for November 3, 2021 Meeting of the Worship & Music Committee**

**In Attendance:** Adeline Bailey, Kat Hawbaker, Nancy Luthy, Martha McGovern, Jane Tumas-Serna, Annie Warmke

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1 on Zoom**

**Theme for 2020-2021: How can we be mindful and authentic in cherishing all life?**

Chalice Lighting: In Beauty May I Walk . . . Helen Exley

Be careful when speaking. You create the world around you with your words. Navajo

1. Minutes of the October were approved
2. Reflection on suggestions for Moving Forward with Virtual Worship and Return to In-Church Services: *The group feels that, for the near future, worship services can be held as we are doing; that is, on Zoom, in-person with masks and distancing, and posted on Facebook. To increase involvement, however, we recommend:*

* *Clear sign-off between public and private segments of service*

Suggested script: To those of you watching us on Facebook Live, we thank you for joining us. For privacy reasons, we will be leaving Facebook now in order to share Joys & Sorrows just on Zoom and in-person in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you again next week.

* *Use of chat to message specific persons*
* *Control of Chat so the worship service is not interrupted*

Annie reports that shutting down “chat” on Zoom is easy. Just click on the chat icon. A box comes up with some little icons and to the right of them are 3 dots. Click on the dots and it gives the option to shut off “chat.”

* *Use of chat to contribute joys/sorrows/thoughts at designated time in the service*
* *Use of break-out rooms*
* *Establishment of ZOOM Greeter Team: Person would serve about one time each month. Duty would be to welcome participants as they enter and to see how they are and whether they have a Joy or Sorrow.*

Annie has been serving as the Greeter on Zoom.

*For the upcoming memorial services, the committee recommends offering Zoom for those who do not want to attend, in-person in the Sanctuary for those vaccinated and masked, and zoom access in Social Hall for those not vaccinated.*

1. Correspondence: Martha has sent a thank you note to Martha Webster, Lawrence Green, George B, Piyush S, Annie Warmke, Suzyn Mills, members of the Board.
2. Financial Matters: Approval of $75 stipend for Rob McManus (Nov. 14 guest speaker) was given. Rob has chosen to donate that stipend to the Worship & Music Committee. Kat - $250 donation online to UU The Vote and request for reimbursement??? Kat - Lawrence Greene - $150?
3. Other groups (Board of Trust Governors, Caring Committee, Building & Grounds, Membership, BRIDGES, Finance) to taking part in or taking responsibility for worship service? Need to approach groups and ask them to do an informational component to a worship service and perhaps to organize a committee recharge or committee fair event.
4. Annie Warmke – idea for outside presenter: Tom Milhollan is with the Pennsylvania Washington County Historical Society. His specialty is the Abolitionist Movement and the Underground Railroad. The Society operates the LeMayne House in Washington, PA. The case of John Davis is one topic he might address.
5. Holiday Card Project: Adeline Bailey has consulted with other organizers to plan for the project. Cards will be available for pick-up on November 21 at the church office. We have about 800 cards to be distributed to 10 area nursing homes.
6. We discussed the idea of emphasizing the four concepts of the Advent Wreath (Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love) with connection to social justice initiatives as outlined in Steve Peck’s column for MOV Interfaith. **We will all** try to identify presenters on those topics to be part of December services. **Jane Tumas-Serna** will create a display for the Sanctuary.
7. We are uncertain about the design of the Christmas Eve service. We will discuss again in December 1 meeting.

**FUTURE Worship Services**

October

3 Kat – Reverence for All Life UU+ Book Club

10 Kat – What Does It Mean to Be a Welcoming Congregation?

[Jane T-S on Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day – where fit in?]

17 Kat & Martha – Reflecting on a Deeper Recovery

24 Suzyn Mills – WL “The Road to Thriving: What does it take, how can we get it for

ourselves, and how can we help others achieve it?” – Annie Warmke

Choir: “I Ask for One Day” by Jim Papoulis (pre-recorded)

31 Kat - Day of the Dead (Jane T-S)

November *Choir – “Music Changes the World”\*\* by Jim Papoulis Recommend 11/21 or 28*

7 Navigating Uncertainty – Kat & Board (brainstorming session after service)

14 Martha – WL Rob McManus, Ph.D. “The Ethic of the Common Good”

21 Kat – All Ages Thanksgiving

28 Kat – Light One Candle [ADVENT starts and eve of Hanukkah] **HOPE**

**(after service – garlands on fence)**

December *Choir – “Winter” music by Anthony Giamanco, words by Walter de la Mare, arranged by Andy Beck Which date or dates? 12/12 or 19 and Christmas Eve*

First Friday in Marietta (Dec. 3) – Festival of Lights – Event outside FUUSM?? By sidewalk between church and RE Building? In courtyard?

5 **PEACE** Ribbon Ceremony Martha invited Office of Inclusion & Diversity of MC to

participate - Tony Mayle has extended the invitation to students.

12 **JOY**

19 **LOVE**

Christmas Eve 24 Friday

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January

2 Fire Communion

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16 MLK

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30 Homecoming – inviting former pastors, friends and members to attend via Zoom

or pre-recorded statements for a reunion

February

6 Chinese New Year celebration as a participatory worship service

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